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July 11, 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10520084 in the amount of \$25.00 has been denied.

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

Sincerely,  
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In re Patent Application of

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REFUND REQUEST**

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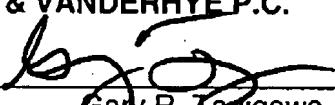
Sir:

On behalf of his client, the undersigned attorney asserts under 37 CFR § 1.27(c) that this application is entitled to small entity status and to pay fees accordingly.

Applicants request a refund under 37 CFR § 1.28(a) for the overpayment made when the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was filed on March 28, 2006. The fee paid was \$50 for an additional claim. Refund of a portion amounting to \$25 is requested. Therefore, it is requested that the overpayment of \$25 be refunded to Applicants' attorney by crediting his firm's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. 3772-22. For this purpose, a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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